

**REMOTE LAMP STATUS DISPLAY VIA FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM**

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus are provided for remotely  
5 monitoring the status of a variety of illumination devices. A  
fiber optic cable coupled to a light fixture transmits a light  
display. Based on the light received, the status of the light  
is determined. The status is determined without the use of  
elegant and expensive electronics that are more subject to  
10 failure and with minimal power consumption.